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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (cancelled)

2. (currently amended): A protective boot wearable over a shoe or a boot and made from a foldable material, the protective boot having an ankle-covering portion and a foot-covering portion, the foot-covering portion having a heel end and a toe end, wherein the foot-covering portion ~~is foldable onto itself near~~ is a single piece of foldable material and may be folded from the toe end towards the heel end and wherein the foot-covering portion ~~is fastenable~~ includes fastening means to fasten itself when and where folded onto itself, whereby the foot-covering portion can be adjustably sized.

3. (currently amended): The protective boot of claim 2 wherein the ~~foot-covering portion is fastenable releasably to~~ fastening means fastens the foot-covering portion onto itself when and where folded onto itself.

4. (original): The protective boot of claim 2 having means for fastening the foot-covering portion to itself when and where folded onto itself.

5. (original): The protective boot of claim 2 having means for fastening the foot-covering portion releasably to itself when and where folded onto itself.

6. (original): The protective boot of claim 2 having means for fastening the foot-covering portion to itself when and where folded onto itself, at any one of plural positions.

7. (original): The protective boot of claim 2 having means for fastening the foot-covering portion releasably to itself when and where folded onto itself, at any one of plural positions, whereby the foot-covering portion can be adjustably sized.

8. (original): The protective boot of claim 2 having hook-and-loop fastening means for fastening the foot-covering portion releasably to itself when and where folded onto itself, at any position within a range of possible positions.

9. (original): The protective boot of claim 8 having a hook-and-loop strap drawn around the protective boot and fastened to itself and to said fastening means.

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10. (original): The protective boot of claim 9 having two hook-and-loop straps, each drawn around the protective boot and fastened to itself and to said fastening means.

a 11. (original): The protective boot of claim 10 wherein one said strap is drawn around the foot-covering portion, between the toe end and the ankle-covering portion, and the other strap is drawn around the ankle-covering portion.

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